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TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES (89-75)

DATE: 1/24/68

FROM : SA THEODORE M. GARDNER

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT
JOHN F. KENNEDY, 11/23/63
INFORMATION CONCERNING

The following is being set forth for informational purposes:

On 1/23/68, an interview was held with former LA 4950-R(GHETTO) in the Los Angeles FBI Office concerning another investigative matter. This source has recently been re-characterized as being an informant who has furnished both reliable and unreliable information in the past.

During the course of this interview the former source advised that he had been contacted by JIM GARRISON, the Orleans Parish, Louisiana District Attorney during the latter's visit to Los Angeles, California about one month ago. The former source, identified as ARTHUR GARRETT, Negro male American, furnished the following information regarding this contact by GARRISON:

One day, date and time unrecalled, he was sitting in the Plantation Club, which is located on Willowbrook, near the intersection of Willowbrook and El Segundo Sts., in Los Angeles. While there he was approached by a white female, who was well-dressed, and who identified herself as DOROTHY RAY. RAY then asked GARRETT his identity and after having determined same told him that "JAMES wanted to see him." When GARRETT asked RAY the identity of JAMES, she told him at that time, JAMES was a "very important person."

Deciding not to ask further questions and to go along with the woman, GARRETT followed her out to her car. This he identified as being a white 1960 Chevrolet. After he got in, she drove to the intersection of Western and 54th St., turned east on 54th St., and then parked in the middle of the block. They sat there talking, mainly about the racial situation in Los Angeles. Shortly thereafter a black Lincoln Continental pulled up directly behind them. RAY and GARRETT got out of their car and approached the Lincoln. There were two white males in that car, the driver and a passenger sitting in the back seat. When GARRETT saw the passenger he recognized him as JIM GARRISON. GARRISON said to RAY, "Go on back to your car, Dottie. I want to talk to him alone." He then told the driver of his car to also go sit in RAY's car.

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GARRETT then got into the car with the person he identified as GARRISON. He stated that GARRISON then officially identified himself. GARRISON then began to ask him if he was acquainted with a number of people, whose names GARRETT did not now recall. GARRETT did recall one of the names GARRISON mentioned to him, and he told GARRISON what he knew about this person.

GARRETT stated that the name he did recognize was that of a former supervisor of his by the name of DON THERION, who is a white male, residing in Anaheim, California. GARRETT described THERION as being a white male, retired U.S. Navy, a "gun-nut", and a "right-extremist" in his political views. When he mentioned this information to GARRISON, the latter asked him if he had ever heard THERION discuss the assassination of President KENNEDY. GARRETT told him that he had not.

In addition to the above, GARRETT stated that once GARRISON obtained the information he had concerning THERION, they discussed the assassination itself. During this discussion, GARRISON stated that after LEE OSWALD had been shot and after he began to be interested in the case, OSWALD's mother gave him a number of reports which she said were written by her son, even though they were signed with a name other than her son's. GARRISON stated that he has these reports, that he will use them in the future and that they will prove beyond a doubt OSWALD was working as an informant for the FBI.

GARRETT stated that the above was all that was discussed at this meeting with GARRISON. After the conversation was terminated he returned to RAY's car and she drove him back to the Plantation Club.